

these evils. Some of the counties of the state in sending their pauper insane deliver them to the hospital's authorities in a pitiable condition, very often clothed in rags and their clothing and bodies infected with vermin and dirt. Each county in sending its pauper insane should see that a complete outfit of clothing is provided the patients just before leaving the county jail, so that the introduction of contagious germs and vermin would be prevented into the hospitals, and it should also insure decency and comfort to the patient in transit.

There are a large number of persons in our two insane hospitals who are not insane, and after being long layed, are received as insane, who are sent to the tax payers of the state. Scores of born idiots are now confined in these two hospitals. The law never contemplated

citizens who are afflicted with diseases and maladies that medical skill cannot reach. These unfortunates who are unable to provide for themselves should be cared for at public expense. The state has very properly undertaken to provide a home for this helpless class of our citizens. Other states have made similar provisions. Philanthropic people everywhere commend movements of this character. This class of unfortunates must be looked after, and the state is strongly urged to assume the responsibility of providing a permanent and comfortable home for them at public expense. Those who are afflicted with incurable diseases ought not to be received into insane asylums or county poor houses; and yet, they are looked after and provided for in the most considerate manner.